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### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

BRET T. CULVER,

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**Plaintiff** 

No. 1:01-CV-0904

(Judge Kane)

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, et al.,** 

v.

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**Defendants** 

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# MOTION TO FILE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS MOTION TO DISMISS AND SUPPORTING BRIEF, NUNC PRO TUNC

Defendants, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, by their attorneys hereby request the Court to permit them to file a motion to dismiss and supporting brief, nunc pro tunc.

- The Court ordered service of the complaint on December
   19, 2001, and defendants waived service of the complaint on January 11, 2002.
- Defendants Miknich, Shannon, Dotter, Chismar, Kane,
   Mooney, Horn and Beard filed an answer to the complaint on February 20, 2002.

- 3. On April 22, 2002 undersigned counsel received several pleadings from the plaintiff. During her review of the pleadings, counsel for defendants became aware that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Corrections ("DOC") was named as a defendant in the caption of the complaint. Although no allegations are made against the DOC in the complaint, the DOC remains in the caption of the complaint.
- 4. Inadvertently, undersigned counsel failed to file a motion to dismiss and supporting brief on behalf of the DOC when the answer filed on February 20, 2002.
- 5. Undersigned counsel now seeks to file a Motion to Dismiss pursuant to 12(b)(6) and supporting brief on behalf of the DOC, for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

WHEREFORE, defendants motion to file a Motion to Dismiss and supporting brief nunc pro tunc should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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**DATE: April 25, 2002** 

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Maryanne M. Lewis, Deputy Attorney General, hereby certify that on this date I caused to be served the foregoing Motion to File Department of Corrections Motion to Dismiss and supporting Brief, Nunc Pro Tunc, by depositing a copy of the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, in Harrisburg, PA., addressed to the following:

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**DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL** 

**DATE: April 25, 2002**